

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A multilingual conversation assist system for assisting a conversation between a plurality of languages, comprising a first means for setting a conversational situation and a second means for displaying language units corresponding to the conversation situation.
2. The system according to claim 1, wherein said first means for setting the conversational situation displays predetermined options and has a structure of repeating a step of selecting one of said options a plural number of times.
3. The system according to claim 1, wherein said language units are stored as a database and wherein the language units corresponding to the set conversational situation are searched for and displayed.
4. The multilingual conversation assist system according to claim 3, wherein said options are displayed by using said language units stored in said database or a part thereof.
5. The multilingual conversation assist system according to claim 2, wherein options over a plurality of stages for setting said conversational situation are stored in a first area of said database while said language units are stored in a second area of said database, and wherein one of said options is successively selected from said first area of said database to search and to display next-stage options in accordance with the selected option until one of final stage options is selected, and the language unit that corresponds to said selected option is searched from said second area of said database to be displayed.
6. The system according to claim 3, wherein a plurality of language units are selected in a step of selecting options in a plurality of stages and wherein said selected plurality of language units are combined together and

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displayed.

7. The system according to claim 6, wherein said selected plurality of language units are combined and displayed in compliance with a syntax rule previously stored in said second area of said database.

8. The system according to claim 1, wherein said language unit includes a combination selected from any or all of a character expression in a first language, a character expression in a second language, a corresponding image display, a phonetic expression of a pronunciation in the second language with phonetic symbols in the first language, and a voice representation in the second language.

9. The system according to claim 3, further comprising a server storing said database.

10. The system according to claim 9, further comprising a communication device to which all or part of said database is downloaded by means of a communication with said server.

11. The system according to claim 3, further comprising a storage medium in which said database is previously stored.

12. The system according to claim 3, further comprising a portable device provided with a storage unit in which said database is previously stored.

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